



Austin Travis County Food Policy Board



MEETING MINUTES Monday, June 13, 2016

The Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, June 13, 2016 at the Street Jones Building, 1000 East 11th St., 4th Floor, Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kathy Green called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kathy Green (Chair), Alexandra Evans (Vice Chair), Jake Carter, Jessica Gaffney, Adrienne Haschke Erin Lentz, Karen Magid, Sharon Mays, Errol Schweizer

Absent Board Members:

Felipe Camacho, Dustin Fedako

Staff in Attendance:

Meredith Gray, Stephanie Helfman, Edwin Marty, Amanda Rohlich

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Megan Cermak – Central Health, Health Equity Policy, 2017 Campaign kick-off in July for researchers to help curate policy list. Bring to experts in September, vote in October. Align policy agendas. Come back in August with more complete policy report.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Stephanie Helfman, City of Austin Health and Human Services Department, Program Supervisor Chronic Disease and Injury Protection Program. Gave overview of current programs and how they will be building on these in 2017. (see presentation)
 - a) HCSI, Farm Stand, Mobile Market – one time funding
 - b) Erin Lentz: discussion around Community Health Workers
- b. Sari Albornoz, Sustainable Food Center, Community Gardens Policy Update
 - a) Overview of community gardens, barriers, needs, recommendations, etc.
 - b) Increase staffing, incorporating community garden support into relevant City Staff job descriptions, streamline process, Fund Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Community Gardens program, train City programming staff
 - c) See presentation for full details
 - d) Sharon Mays – What can we do to advocate for needs? Working group drafted recommendations. Is there a need for more specific recommendations in order to ease implementation?

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING

Board Member Jake Carter motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 9, 2016 with Board Member Jessica Gaffney seconding the motion to approve. All are in favor of approving with minor corrections; Erin Lentz and Karen Magid abstaining from the vote.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Board Infrastructure & Protocol

- 1) Board officer elections – Vice Chair, Alexandra Evans nominated by Erin Lentz. All in favor with none opposing. Chair, Kathy Green nominated by Adrienne Haschke. All in favor with none opposing.
- 2) Review Board Members’ meetings with City and County Officials
 - a. Adrienne Haschke – May 17th met with Edwin Marty, Dustin Fedako, Chris Shrug (CAPCOG), and Katherine Nicely to talk about the Food Shed Study and how to fund. Frank Rodriguez and Brandi Burton suggested looking at end of year funds to fund study.
 - b. Joint meeting with CM Leslie Pool and CM Ann Kitchen, Chris Shrug (CAPCOG), Kathy Green and Adrienne Haschke to discuss Regional Food System study. CM supportive of recommendation. Want commitments from Travis County. Think they can find \$75k in end of year funds.
 - c. Erin Lentz - Met with CM Casar’s office to present Food For All Report and food access recommendations. Discussed policy options including Family Resource Centers, support of Sidewalk Master Plans. There is an opportunity to align with the new CHA. Brighter Bites doing distribution at summer meal programs as well.
- 3) 2015 Annual Report – Errol Schweizer moved to approve the 2015 Annual Report, Erin Lentz seconded. All in favor with none opposing.
- 4) Introduction of new board member, Karen Magid of Huston-Tillotson University.
- 5) Discussion of board member vacancies.

[Jake Carter left dais 7 pm.]

- b) Board Recommendations Follow-up
 - 1) Local and Healthy Food Procurement – Edwin Marty gave overview of Good Food Purchasing Program visit and next steps.
 - 2) Healthy Food Access funding -- all contracts out
 - 3) Mobile Market – Farmshare Austin, finalizing insurance to get it going this summer
 - 4) Community School Farm Stands – Sustainable Food Center, shifting contract to Fall
 - 5) Healthy Corner Store Initiatives – GAVA executing contract, UT School of Public Health executing evaluation

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Debrief of the Joint Sustainability Committee (JSC) meeting
Adrienne Haschke provided updates of May 25th meeting. JSC has decided to meet every other month. Calling special meeting to discuss Mobility Bond. Discussed fully funding sidewalk and bike plan and then strategic portions of the corridor plans.
- b) Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
 - 1) Budget and Policy -- Kathy Green gave update. Will plan to meet after Edwin’s presentation to Council.
 - 2) Codes and Ordinances – Sharon Mays gave update. Support Edwin with providing research to support recommendations to Council and make white paper actionable. Next topic – community gardens.
 - 3) Farmland Preservation and Access – Adrienne Haschke gave update. Reviewed Recommendation for Improved Support and Funding for Community Garden Program. Questions about professional needs and having those needs matched by City Staff. Clarify language for needs between new and existing garden needs.
 - a. Errol Schweizer motioned to approve Community Garden Program Recommendations with Alexandra (Sandra) Evans seconding motion. All in favor with none opposing.
 - 4) Food Safety and Innovation – no active working group. Errol Schweizer volunteered to serve as ad-hoc Food Safety and Innovation lead in order to address the crack

down on raw milk sales in Austin. Wants to meet with working group Thursday June 16th to address this issue. Edwin Marty to reserve room and send out invite with call-in number to conference line.

- 5) Healthy Food Security and Access – Edwin Marty gave update and overview of what he will present to City Council on Wednesday, June 15th.

[Erin Lentz left dais at 7:30 p.m.]

- c) Review of Board Member Assignments
 - 1) Standing item all Board members to update Council and Commissioner profiles and meeting info as needed.
 - 2) County Staff Liaison, Juanita Jackson, to send Kathy Green template for letter of interests from board member applicants.
 - 3) Amanda Rohlich to send Good Food Purchasing Program meeting invite.
 - 4) Adrienne Haschke to send JSC working group meeting invites.
 - 5) Edwin Marty to check meeting room availability for Thursday, June 16th at 2 pm and send out conference call and meeting room information for Food Safety and Innovation Working Group Meeting.
 - 6) Jake Carter and Kathy Green to continue search for advocacy training.

[Alexandra Evans left dais at 8 p.m.]

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Brighter Bites
- b) Advocacy training
- c) Austin Resource Recovery Universal Recycling Ordinance updates

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kathy Green adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. without objection.